

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 60

Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore

April 13, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to the Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 60, as introduced, Gilmore. The Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 46 as the Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce was born on July 6, 1941, in
- 2 Wewoka, Oklahoma; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1958, Larry Stanley Pierce enlisted in the United
- 4 States Army, where he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and served
- 5 in the 1st Battalion of the 173rd Airborne Brigade; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce served his country in the
- 7 Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War and was assigned
- 8 as a squad leader in charge of a reconnaissance platoon; and
- 9 WHEREAS, On September 20, 1965, Larry Stanley Pierce and
- 10 his platoon were ambushed by hostile forces with machine gun
- 11 fire; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce and his platoon routed the
2 ambushing force and gave chase in order to further suppress the
3 attacking enemy; and

4 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce discovered an antipersonnel
5 mine that could have destroyed his entire squad. He used his own
6 body to absorb the blast from the mine, saving the lives of 29 of
7 his soldiers; and

8 WHEREAS, Larry Stanley Pierce was laid to rest at the Wasco
9 Memorial Park in the City of Wasco, California; and

10 WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson posthumously
11 awarded the Medal of Honor to Larry Stanley Pierce's wife, Verlin,
12 his daughter, Teresa, and his sons, Kelley and Gregory, on February
13 14, 1966; and

14 WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor is the highest military
15 decoration awarded by the United States government. It is awarded
16 to a member of the United States armed forces who distinguishes
17 himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of
18 his life above and beyond the call of duty while in engaged in an
19 action against the enemy of the United States; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
23 portion State Highway Route 46 within the city limits of the City
24 of Wasco as the Larry Stanley Pierce Memorial Highway; and be
25 it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
27 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
28 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
29 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
30 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
34 author for appropriate distribution.

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